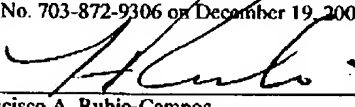


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Regarding the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on November 29, 2003, Applicants hereby submit a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for reply to December 29, 2003. Applicant hereby authorizes payment in the amount of \$130.00, or such other amount as presently required under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1), to be made by credit card as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

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An Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.112 responsive to the above-referenced Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

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